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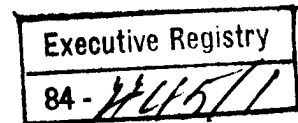
RECORD:

I phoned Bill Martin, D/ES  
NSC and again made it a matter  
of record that CIA does not  
formally coordinate/preview these White  
House Digest papers - which are  
primarily for domestic consumption. He  
will make matter of record and  
inform Kinnitt who is with the President  
in Chicago. The attached note was  
LDX'd to Martin 1/31/84 at his request.

Date

1/31/84

LIX'd 1/31/84



31 January 1984

NOTE FOR: William Martin  
Deputy Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

Bill:

Per our conversation this morning, I am again making it a matter of record that CIA does not formally coordinate on White House Digest papers. Nevertheless, per my previous understanding with Bob Kimmitt and Tom Shull that we shall review appropriate papers from a foreign intelligence point of view, I forward the following re paper entitled "Persecution of Christians in Nicaragua" forwarded today by your message 110. (Note our review as always is to protect intelligence sources/methods and correct any errors of fact.)

- Page 1      second para from bottom; delete last two lines, "and even to assist...internal security." This statement is inaccurate.
- Page 3      fourth para from bottom, first sentence; replace "set up a new government-controlled church" with "rigorously support church factions responsive to its interests." No evidence exists to support this assertion. It overstates the government role; the popular church already existed.
- Page 5      second complete para, first line; replace "an insignificant fraction" with "a minority" for accuracy.
- Page 6      third para; change "Minister" to "Ministry", delete "Thomas Borge." Borge does not personally censor these.
- Page 8      second complete para, first line; replace "are under continuous harassment" with "have been harassed" to avoid inaccurate exaggeration.



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- Page 9      sixteenth line from bottom; replace "most" with "many", delete "churches", add after "Protestant", "denominations such as the Mormons, the Seventh Day Adventists and the Jehovah Witnesses." Original statement is inaccurate. The government has the support of most mainline Protestant churches.
- Page 12    first line. The correct word is "Misurasata" vice "Misurata."
- Page 14    third complete para, replace "As the Nicaraguan Commandants have repeatedly made clear" with "As one Sandinista commander said,". This statement should be qualified by this change because this speech was to a closed audience and word leaked out. The Sandinistas have not repeatedly said this. Instead they disguise the Marxism in their revolution.

Again to correct the record - CIA had not previously reviewed and made suggestions on this paper as stated by Faith Whittesey in her 19 January 1984 memo to Dick Darman.

[Redacted Signature]

Executive Secretary

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